

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION  
USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

COPY

**Title of Invention** SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SIMULATING GAME STATE CHANGES RESPONSIVE TO AN INTERRUPT CONDITION

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or  
 Application No. 10/154,397 filed on May 17, 2002  
 as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

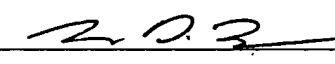
I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

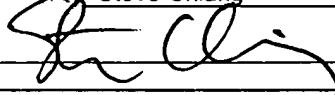
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor 1 Marco Busse Date: 8/19/2002  
Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor 2 Steve Chiang Date: 8/19/2002  
Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional inventors are being named on form(s) attached hereto.

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 115 and 37 CFR 1.63. The information is used by the public to file (and the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 1 minute to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.  
WC 9044789 v1

COPY

# COPY

Attorney Docket No.: 019491-008000US

## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Marco Busse of 1656 Imperial Palm Drive, Apopka, FL 32712; Steve Chiang of 3226 Deer Chase Road, Longwood, FL 32779; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SIMULATING GAME STATE CHANGES RESPONSIVE TO AN INTERRUPT CONDITION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: August 19, 2002 (both)

Filing Date: May 17, 2002

Application No.: 10/154,397

WHEREAS, Electronic Arts Inc., located at 209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA, 94065-1175, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

# COPY

# COPY

Assignment

Attorney Docket No.: 019491-008000US

Page 2

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 8/19/2002

223

Marco Busse

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

(1) Dated: 8/19/02

Dan Johnson

(2) Dated: 8/19/02

fccjk

Steve Chiang

Dated: 8/19/02

Dan Johnson

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

(1) Dated: 8/19/02

(2) Dated: 8/19/02

fccjk

WC 9044790 v1

# COPY

# COPY

PTO/SB/96 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Attorney Docket No. 019491-0008000US

## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Marco Busse and Steve Chaing

Application No./Patent No. 10/154,397 Filed/Issue Date: May 17, 2002

Entitled: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SIMULATING GAME STATE CHANGES RESPONSIVE ...

Electronic Arts Inc. a Corporation

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1.  the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2.  an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel       , Frame       , or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B.  A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at  
Reel       , Frame       , or for which a copy thereof is attached.

2. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at  
Reel       , Frame       , or for which a copy thereof is attached.

3. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at  
Reel       , Frame       , or for which a copy thereof is attached.

Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.8]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

9-3-02

Date

  
Signature

RUTH A. KENNEDY  
Typed or printed name

SENIOR Vice President AND GENERAL Counsel  
Title

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 WC 9044791 v1.

# COPY

# COPY

Attorney Docket No.: 019491-008000US

## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Marco Busse of 1656 Imperial Palm Drive, Apopka, FL 32712; Steve Chiang of 3226 Deer Chase Road, Longwood, FL 32779; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SIMULATING GAME STATE CHANGES RESPONSIVE TO AN INTERRUPT CONDITION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: August 19, 2002 (both)

Filing Date: May 17, 2002

Application No.: 10/154,397

WHEREAS, Electronic Arts Inc., located at 209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA, 94065-1175, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

# COPY

NOT FOR  
RECORDATION

# COPY

Assignment  
Attorney Docket No.: 019491-008000US  
Page 2

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 8/19/2002

223

Marco Busse

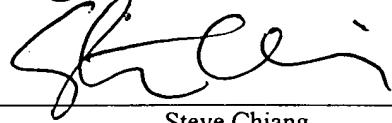
SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

(1) Dated: 8/19/02



(2) Dated: 8/19/02

fccjk



Steve Chiang

Dated: 8/19/02



SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

(1) Dated: 8/19/02

fccjk

(2) Dated: 8/19/02

WC 9044790 v1

# COPY

NOT FOR  
RECORDATION

# COPY

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/81 (10-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0035

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT

Application Number	10/154,397
Filing Date	05/17/2002
First Named Inventor	Marco Busse
Group Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	019491-008000US

I hereby appoint:

Practitioners at Customer Number  
OR

20350

Place Customer  
Number Bar Code  
Label here

Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please change the correspondence address for the above-identified application to:

The above-mentioned Customer Number.  
OR

<input type="checkbox"/> Firm or Individual Name			
Address			
Address			
City	State	ZIP	
Country			
Telephone	Fax		

I am the:

Applicant/Inventor.  
 Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

### SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	<i>Ruth A. Kennedy</i>		
Signature	<i>Ruth A. Kennedy</i>		
Date	9.3.02		

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

\*Total of 1 form is submitted.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 3 minutes to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

WC 9044792 v1